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A Guide

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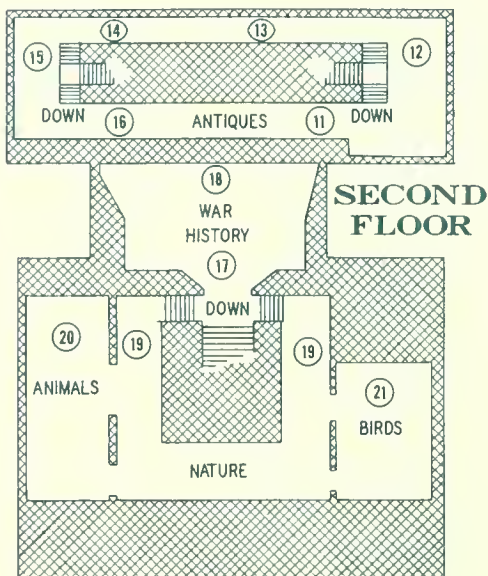
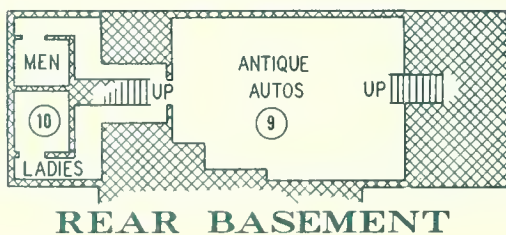
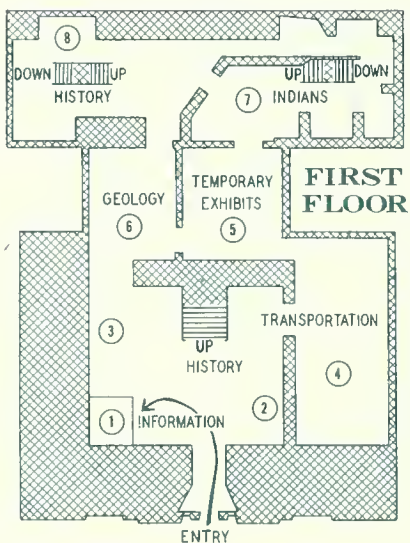
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Visiting Hours

8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sundays



YOUR Pennsylvania State Museum, which is housed in the State Museum Building immediately south of the State Capitol, is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It provides exhibits to illustrate the history, natural history, and archaeology of the Commonwealth.

The Museum is open to all visitors without charge from 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. on weekdays and from 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on Sundays. Guided tours and lecture services are available without charge to groups and school classes by appointment. Requests for these services should be made by mail to the Curator, Pennsylvania State Museum, State Museum Building, Harrisburg, or by calling CEdar 8-5151, Extension 3325, at Harrisburg.

The diagrams on page 2 of this leaflet are numbered to help you locate the various exhibits. To the left as you enter the lobby is the Information Booth (1) to answer inquiries regarding the Museum. The exhibits in the front lobby portray (2) main events in the settlement of Pennsylvania and (3) historic buildings and memorials throughout the State operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Ask at the Information Booth (1) for leaflets on these historic properties.

* To the right of the front lobby are the Transportation exhibits (4) with a collection of old-time vehicles including a notable stagecoach.

[The Temporary Exhibit Gallery (5) features a changing series of exhibits of local interest and of exhibits on loan from other museums. This room is available, daytime or evenings, for small public meetings by prior arrangement.]

* [Geological exhibits (6) interpret the geological history of central Pennsylvania throughout the vast ages which formed our modern landscape.]

Our Indian exhibits (7) illustrate the variety of Indian relics which are found in Pennsylvania. They are arranged to outline the development of Indian civilization through eighteen thousand years.

[Historical exhibits (8) include antique automobiles and historical dioramas of Penn's first treaty with the

Indians, of the writing of the Declaration of Independence, and of Betsy Ross making our first flag.

In the rear basement are our other antique automobiles (9) and the public restrooms. We regret the inadequacy of these facilities and ask your co-operation in keeping them clean and presentable. We shall do better when the new William Penn Memorial Building becomes a reality.

Historical exhibits on the balcony in the rear of the building include our old country store (11), antique glassware and porcelain (12), other objects from colonial households (13), Pennsylvania rifles and other firearms (14), decorative stove plates of colonial times (15), and a furnished colonial house (16).

Returning to the front of the building, the War History gallery (17) is at the head of the stairs to the second floor. It includes Rothermel's famous painting of the Battle of Gettysburg (18). Natural History exhibits (19) surround the front gallery, with a gallery of Animal groups (20) to the north and a gallery of mounted Birds (21) to the south.

The offices of the Legislative Reference Bureau are also on the second floor front; here is the center for legal research as it pertains to State legislation. Offices of the Historical and Museum Commission are on the first floor. Inquire at the Information Booth (1) for directions to any State office.

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